

In Our Prayers & Thoughts

*“Blessed be God, who bears our burdens
day after day.” Psalm 68:19*

Primrose Battle	Cliff Reynolds
David Briggs	Enid Smith & Doug
Jan Bozeman	Linda Thomas
William Cooney	Anita Van Cleave
Brad & Michelle	Hillary
Foster & family	Angie
the Hall family	Sue
Eldon Harlow	Bridgette
Roger Kucera	Alexander
Sue Moran	Damian
Kathy Nelsen	Courtney

Please notify us if you or a family member wishes to be placed on the prayer list. Let us know if the prayer concern needs to be a continued one, otherwise names will be removed the first of the month.

*These are the Birthdays and Anniversaries for December.
If we don’t already have your celebrations, please let us know.*

December Birthdays

- 1 Jevontez McEwen
- 5 Harper Reetz
- 6 Primrose Battle
- 7 Tammi Hendricksen
- 10 Alex Martinez
- 11 Sandi Strain
- 11 Darrell Wissink
- 13 Ruthie Andrews
- 13 Gladys Farr
- 13 Joanna Lynch-Gillespie
- 13 Pastor Helen Paus
- 18 Judi Lafond
- 22 Sally Ruggia
- 24 Jason McEwen
- 30 Aaron Nelsen

No Anniversaries that we know of

TODAY’S EVENTS

Sunday December 14

- Fellowship Coffee Time 10:30 am Everyone is Welcome!
- Worship Service 11 am (Sanctuary) (Streaming live on YouTube and our website)
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)
- Lincoln Taekwondo 5 pm – 7:45 pm (Shepherd Hall)

THIS WEEK

Monday December 15

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Tuesday December 16

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Wednesday December 17

- Bible Study 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall studying the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend

Thursday December 18

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Friday December 19

Saturday December 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday December 21 Gospel choir practice 10:15 am Magee Parlor

Sunday December 21 Happy Birthday Jesus party after worship

Join us in the Welcome Center for cookies, goodies and fellowship!

Sunday December 21 Justice in Action Longest Night 12-Hour Prayer

Vigil We are signed up for 2 pm – 3 pm in front of the City County Building, 555 South 10th St. We will pray for change in our systems and for all those away from their families during Christmas and Hanukkah. We also want to raise awareness in our community about the urgent need for diversion. At 5 pm there will be a Longest Night Service, acknowledging the struggles, separation and longing felt by many during this season. Bundle up, bring a candle or lantern if you wish and join us as we hold light together on the longest night.

Monday December 22 thru Friday December 26 the office will be closed for the holiday

Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve Service 5 pm Sanctuary



New Hope United Methodist Church

1205 North 45th Lincoln, NE 68503

**Worship 11 am
In-person & On-line**

“Transforming Lives and Community Through Jesus Christ”

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps

Prelude

Dr Denis Plutalov

***Welcome the Light of Christ** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203 v.1, 2, 4

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Breath Prayer (see inside page)

Call to Worship (see inside page) / **Opening Prayer**

***Passing of the Peace** *Let us welcome one another in the Spirit of Christ*

Lighting the Advent Candle / Advent Responsorial (see inside page)

Advent Song “Light the Advent Candle” TFWS 2090 v. 4 modified

***Songs of Praise** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH 211 v. 2, 4, 7

“Joy to the World” UMH 246 v. 1, 2, 4

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Lighting the Prayer Candle

Morning Prayer Song “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” TFWS 2193

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer (see inside page) UMH 895

Giving Back to God (offering)

Offertory

Dr Denis Plutalov

***Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Scripture Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10 NRSV 656 (OT)

Response: *One:* The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The Word in Song “How Great is Our God” WS 3003 refrain only

Psalms Reading Psalm 146:5-10 NRSV 549 (OT)

Response: *One:* The Word of Life! **All: Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Reading Luke 1:46-55 NRSV 53-54 (NT)

Response: *One:* The Gospel of Jesus Christ. **All: Praise the Living Word.**

The Word in Song “How Great is Our God” WS 3003 refrain only

Children’s Message

Message

“We Are Called”

Pastor Helen Paus

Closing Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Sending Song** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” UMH 224

***Benediction**

Postlude

Dr Denis Plutalov

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

*The Call to Worship, Songs and Prayers are also on the screen
NRSV = new Bible, UMH = U M Hymnal, TFWS = The Faith We Sing, WS = Worship & Song
AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal*

Congregational Breath Prayer:

Leader: God who calls us in the midst of our fear,
People: may we trust that our response will bring joy.

Call to Worship:

Leader Jeremiah said, “I am only a boy.” Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord.”
People: **We often say we are afraid.**
Leader: Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.
People: **Let us accept God’s invitation.**
Leader: May we summon our courage and sing God’s praise.
People: **Let us worship God. Amen!**

Advent Responsorial:

Leader: Today, we choose to live in the joy of God.
People: **We praise God for everlasting joy.**

Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon Notes:

***We wish to welcome you!
We are very happy to have you worshipping
with us today!***

***If you are looking for a church home, we hope that you
have found it among us. Please let us know if you would
like to become a member.***

- ❖ If you know someone in the hospital or recuperating at home, who needs a **pastoral visit or phone call**, please let the church office know at 402-466-5238.
- ❖ There are **children’s activity bags** hanging in the back of the sanctuary if your child would like to use one during worship. We also have a play area in Magee Parlor (at the back of the sanctuary).
- ❖ There are **large print hymnals and Bibles** for your use on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ If you would like to **give to New Hope electronically**, you may use the QR code sheets in the pews. You may also sign up for an automatic withdrawal for your donation using the paperwork on the table at the back of the sanctuary or sign up by going to our website or to app.myvanco.com/login
- ❖ If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, call 402-466-5238 or e-mail newhopeumclincoln@gmail.com by Thursday morning please.

Outreach Ministries of New Hope UMC

The Closet at New Hope and Diaper Depot

*Both ministries will be closed until further notice for
reorganization. We are hoping to reopen early next year.*

Next Week’s Scriptures
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

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